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| <b>DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION</b><br><b>(37 CFR 1.63)</b>   |  | Attorney Docket Number | OLIG-0007                |
| — Declaration Submitted with Initial Filing      OR      — Declaration Submitted after Initial Filing (surcharge (37 CFR 1.16(e)) required) |  | First Named Inventor   | Roderic M.K. Dale et al. |
| <i>Devices for Improved Wound Management</i>  |  |                        |                          |
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

DEVICES FOR IMPROVED WOUND MANAGEMENT

the specification of which:

is attached hereto

OR

— was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined by 37 CFR 1.56.

Insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application are not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designating at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

| Prior Foreign Application Number(s) | Country | Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | Priority Not Claimed | Certified Copy Attached? |
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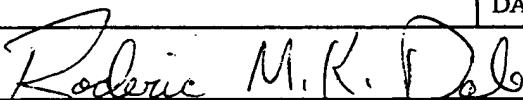
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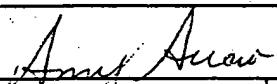
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